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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The institution of marriage is one of the
3 cornerstones upon which our society is built, and a marriage
4 that has achieved a notable longevity is truly a model for the
5 people of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
7 Representatives wish to congratulate George and Billie Paige on
8 the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary; and

9 WHEREAS, George and Billie Paige were married on February
10 16, 1957 at St. Agatha's Catholic Church in Chicago; they are
11 the proud parents of Stephen and Gary; and

12 WHEREAS, George is the son of legendary baseball pitcher
13 Satchel Paige; he is retired from the United States Postal
14 Service, where he worked as a Post Office Manager and as a
15 Management Trainer; and

16 WHEREAS, Billie was employed by the Catholic Archdiocese of
17 Chicago, where she worked as a social worker; in 1973 she began
18 a career with the Bureau of Employment Security; in 1974 she
19 became the first Black and the first woman to serve as
20 Commissioner of Unemployment Compensation; in 1975 she was
21 appointed the Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of

1 Registration and Education; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1980 Billie Paige left State government and
3 became the Director of Government Affairs at the Illinois
4 Hospital Association; in 1983 she joined the lobbying firm of
5 Shea, Rogal & Associates, which became Shea, Paige & Rogal when
6 she became a partner; and

7 WHEREAS, The Paiges are member of St. Ailbe's Catholic
8 Church on the Southeast side of Chicago; they live in Crete
9 with their two dogs, Candi and McDuff; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate George and Billie Paige on the celebration of
13 their golden anniversary; that we commend them for achieving a
14 long and happy marriage, blessed with children, and rich in
15 friendships; and that we wish them happiness and good health in
16 the future; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to George and Billie Paige as a symbol of our
19 respect.